Inclusion of more castes in STs list

848. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA:
SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN:

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to reschedule Koch Rajbonshi as Tribals;

(b) if so, by when the bill for amending the Constitution to reschedule the ethnic group would be brought in the Parliament;

(c) whether Government also propose to reschedule Tai Ahoms, Moran, Mattak, Chutia and tea garden population as tribals as per the public demand and as per the suggestion of the Joint Parliamentary Committee; and

(d) the communities which have fulfilled all the criteria for enlistment as ST in Assam?

THE MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM): (a) and (b) As per procedure approved for deciding claims for inclusion, exclusion and other modifications in the list of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the Koch Rajbonshi community of Assam has not yet become eligible for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes.

(c) Suggestions of the Joint Parliamentary Committee regarding the inclusion of Tai Ahom, Moran, Mattak, Chutia and Tea Garden population in ST list of Assam has been processed as per approved modalities. None of the above mentioned communities has become eligible for inclusion in the list of Scheduled Tribes.

(d) Following communities have fulfilled all the criteria for being enlisted as Scheduled Tribes in Assam State, and are included in Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Order (Amendment) Act, 2002.

(i) Karbi
(ii) Lalung
(iii) Dimasa
(iv) Hajong
(v) Singhpho
(vi) Khampti and
(vii) Garo